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CLAIMS

Please amend the claims according to the status designations in the following list, which contains all claims submitted in the application, with the text of all active claims.

1. (CANCELED)

2. (NEW) An absorbent pad apparatus having a plurality of fabric layers of an outer layer size joined by a seam; having a bolstered center means, including a plurality of substantially fabric layers of a mid-portion size surrounding and attached to a third-layer wicking barrier, for capturing dripped condensate from a multi-serving vessel, comprised of:

a. – e. (CANCELED)

3. (NEW) top-layer absorbent means of an outer-portion size, including at least one piece of cotton fabric, whereby condensate from a multi-serving vessel is drawn into the pad of Claim 2, preventing condensate from pooling on the surface of said pad; and

4. (NEW) second-layer desorption field means of an outer-portion size, including a piece of cotton batting, whereby the pad of Claim 2 dries, thus eliminating the need for intervention during said pad's use; and

5. (NEW) third-layer wicking barrier means of a mid-portion size, including a piece of coated fabric, whereby absorbed moisture is forced to move in a radial direction; and

6. (NEW) bottom-layer thermal barrier means of an outer-portion size, including at least one piece of cotton batting, whereby secondary condensate is prevented from forming beneath the pad of Claim 2;

7. (NEW) wherein the pad apparatus of Claim 2 is of a size to exceed by one inch the bottom of the multi-serving vessel of Claim 2.